



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Fred Collins
Northern Chumash Tribal Council
67 South Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for submitting the nomination for the proposed "Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary." We appreciate your interest in how a national marine sanctuary could assist in meeting conservation objectives for waters adjacent to San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties in California.

This letter is to inform you that the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has completed its sufficiency review of the nomination. The sufficiency review is the first of three phases of review, and determines if the nomination provides enough of the information required for us to proceed with a more in-depth review. It is followed by phase two, which reviews a nomination against the four national significance criteria and phase three, which evaluates a nomination against the seven management considerations. We have concluded the nomination, as submitted, is not sufficient to move forward with a more detailed review. As you give consideration to potentially resubmitting your nomination there are few clarifying points that may be helpful.

For management consideration #3 it is important that a nomination describe how the current or future uses and activities threaten the area's significance, values, qualities and resources. Providing only a list of uses and activities that threaten the area is not sufficient. With management consideration #4, it is important a nomination describe the ways in which a national marine sanctuary would provide unique conservation and management value for a proposed area or adjacent areas. Nominations should be strengthened with detail on the non-regulatory options a proposed national marine sanctuary could implement to best manage the resources in or adjacent to the proposed area. Management consideration #5 should describe the ways in which a national marine sanctuary could supplement or complement existing regulatory or management authorities in the area. A list of existing regulatory and management authorities for the area is not sufficient.

With regard to management consideration #6, a nomination should make as clear as possible the extent to which any partners have made commitments to the nomination concept, including how those partnerships would aid conservation or management programs for the area. When considering all of these recommendations, note that we encourage any resubmission of a nomination be provided as a complete package as outlined at <http://www.nominate.noaa.gov/>. Note as well that any letters of support may be submitted as an appendix beyond the 25 page

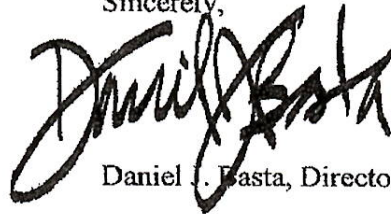


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limit. Moving support letters to an appendix allows a nomination package to more thoroughly address criteria and management considerations.

As you reconsider your nomination, staff from our West Coast Regional Office (Bill Douros, West Coast Regional Director, william.douros@noaa.gov), as well as our headquarters, stand by to address any questions you have. We encourage you to review other nomination packages we have received and our correspondence with the nominators, which are available on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Basta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some overlapping letters.

Daniel J. Basta, Director